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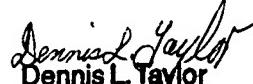
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**NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

This application is abandoned in view of:

- Applicant's failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on 10/8/98.
- A response (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_, which is after the expiration of the period for response (including a total extension of time of \_\_\_\_ month(s)) which expired on \_\_\_\_\_.
- A proposed response was received on \_\_\_\_\_, but it does not constitute a proper response to the final rejection.
- (A proper response to a final rejection consists only of: a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; a Notice of Appeal; or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.62 (FWC).)
- No response has been received.
- Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.
- The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) was received on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The submitted issue fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- The issue fee has not been received.
- Applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability.
- Proposed new formal drawings (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of \_\_\_\_\_) were received on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The proposed new formal drawings filed \_\_\_\_\_ are not acceptable.
- No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
- The express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.62(g) in favor of the FWC application filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all of the applicants.
- The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
- The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on \_\_\_\_\_ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
- The reason(s) below:

  
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